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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for capturing media during a recording session ~~using a first input device for a first audio source and a second input device for a second audio source~~, the method comprising:

producing first ~~and second~~ audio data <u>from a first audio source</u> with ~~the first and the second input devices, respectively~~<u>a first input device during the recording session</u>;

<u>producing second audio data from a second audio source with a second input device during the recording session</u>;

processing the first audio data to identify a first portion of the first audio data having a first audio characteristic;

processing the second audio data to identify a second portion of the second audio data having a second audio characteristic; and

storing a first audio record for the first portion of the first audio data and a second audio record for the second portion of the second audio data, wherein the first and the second audio records are associated with first and second temporal data, respectively, used in determining a sequence of the first portion of the first audio data in relation to the second portion of the second audio data, and wherein the first and the second audio records are associated with first and second identity data, respectively, representing first and second identifying characteristics, respectively, for the first portion of the first audio data and the second portion of the audio data, respectively.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the producing the first and the second audio data with the first and the second input devices, respectively, includes:

transferring first and second audio signals from the first and the second input devices, respectively, to a processing station to produce first and second audio files, respectively; and

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editing the first and the second audio files to produce first and second audio data outputs, respectively.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 2, wherein a participant who was the first audio source for the first audio file edits the first audio file to produce the first audio data.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the media includes at least one of audio, video and text data, and wherein the first audio characteristic is at least a predetermined energy level of audio.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the first portion of the first audio data includes:
      filtering the first audio data.

6. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the first identify data associates visual data with the first portion of the first audio data.

7. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the first audio record contains audio of the first portion of the first audio data.

8. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the storing the first and the second audio records for the first portion of the first audio data and the second portion of the second audio data includes:
      compiling the first and the second audio records into a browsable record.

9. (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the producing the first audio data with the first input device includes:

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recording reference data and audio within a storage device, wherein the reference data is based upon a reference signal.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the reference signal is a main reference signal used in generating the reference data in the first and the second input devices to synchronize first and second audio files of first and second participants at first and second locations that are remote from one another.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the producing the first audio data with the the first input device includes:
        editing the recorded audio within the storage device to produce the first audio data.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 11, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the first portion of the first audio data includes:
        transferring the reference data and the first audio data from the first input device to a processing station.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 12, wherein a participant of the recording session who was the first audio source for the recorded audio edits the first portion of the recorded audio identified during the processing.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 12, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the first portion of the first audio data includes:
        querying the reference signal of the first input device and transferring queried reference signal information to a processing station.

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15.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 14, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the first portion of the first audio data includes:

synchronizing the first audio data from the first input device to a main reference signal using the queried reference signal information from the first input device.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 9, wherein the producing the first audio data with the first input device includes:

transferring the reference data and the recorded audio from the storage device of the first input device to a processing station; and

editing the recorded audio within the processing station to produce an audio output.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 16, wherein a participant of the recording session who was the first audio source for the recorded audio edits the recorded audio.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 16, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the first portion of the first audio data includes:

querying the reference signal of the first input device and transferring queried reference signal information to a processing station.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 18, wherein the processing the first audio data to identify the first portion of the first audio data includes:

synchronizing the first audio data from the first input device to a main reference signal using the queried reference signal information from the first input device.

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20.   (Previously Presented) The method for capturing media according to claim 1, wherein the storing the first audio record for the first portion of the first audio data and the second audio record for the second portion of the second audio data includes:

transferring the first and the second audio records from more than one processing station to a central processing station; and

compiling the first and the second audio records into a browsable record.

21.   (Currently Amended) A system for capturing media during a recording session ~~using a first input device for a first audio source and a second input device for a second audio source~~, the system comprising:

means for producing first ~~and second~~ audio data <u>from a first audio source</u> with a first <u>input device during the recording session</u> ~~the first and the second input devices, respectively~~;

<u>means for producing second audio data from a second audio source with a second input device during the recording session</u>;

means for processing the first audio data to identify a first portion of the first audio data having a first audio characteristic;

means for processing the second audio data to identify a second portion of the second audio data having a second audio characteristic; and

means for storing a first audio record for the first portion of the first audio data and a second audio record for the second portion of the second audio data, wherein the first and the second audio records are associated with first and second temporal data, respectively, used in determining a sequence of the first portion of the first audio data in relation to the second portion of the second audio data, and wherein the first and the second audio records are associated with first and second identity data, respectively, representing first and second identifying characteristics, respectively, for the first portion of the first audio data and the second portion of the audio data, respectively.

22.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the means for producing the first audio data with the first input device includes:

a means for recording audio to a storage device within a processing station;

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and

a means for editing an identified portion of the recorded audio within the storage device of the processing station to produce the first audio data.

23.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the media includes at least one of audio, video and text data, and wherein the first audio characteristic is at least a predetermined energy level of audio.

24.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, comprising:

a means for generating visual data that is associated with the first portion of the first audio data as the first identity data.

25.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, comprising:

means for compiling audio records generated from the first and the second input devices into a browsable record.

26.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the first input device includes:

a means for recording audio.

27.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first input device includes:

means for generating a first reference signal to produce reference data recorded with the recorded audio.

28.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first input device includes:

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a means for editing the recorded audio within the first input device to produce the first audio data.

29.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 28, wherein the first input device includes:

a means for transferring media data to a processing station.

30.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first input input device includes:

a means for receiving identity data.

31.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the first input device includes:

means for receiving a main reference signal that is used as the reference signal.

32.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the first input device includes:

means for synchronizing the first audio data with a main reference signal to synchronize files of participants at locations remote from one another.

33.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first input device includes:

a means for transferring recorded media to a processing station.

34.   (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 26, wherein the first input device includes:

a means for generating visual data.

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35. (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 27, wherein the first reference signal is a synchronized reference signal in that the first reference signal is synchronized with a second reference signal of the second input device.

36. (Previously Presented) The system for capturing media according to claim 21, wherein the first audio data is included as part of a file which contains video data.